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and to live as faithful
followers of Christ.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

JANUARY 2021

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From The Rector

Rev. Catherine Tatem

The Light

January 6th is Epiphany, and is the start of the third season of the year, Epiphany season, which lasts until Lent begins. The word Epiphany comes from a word meaning manifestation, “showing.” In the Epiphany season we explore the revelation of Jesus as the light of the world. “The light of Epiphany streams into the darkened world to illuminate a new way. It is the light of Christ, the one commissioned to bring the way of God to the world (Craddock).”

Think about the words from the gospel of John: “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” A very small candle forever changes a once-darkened room. The light of Christ illuminates the darkest night, the darkest hours of our lives.

January 6th is the day that we celebrate the magi’s arrival at the manger. The magi’s arrival represents the introduction of Christ to the whole world. Jesus is not just a king in a manger in a little town called Bethlehem, not a king for the “whole

world” meaning where Caesar reigns, but the King for everyone, everywhere, even in places as yet unknown. We remember that the kings were foreigners, outsiders, and it is to them that the light of the world was revealed.

With the three kings comes another theme of the season: gifts. The magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh to baby Jesus. What gifts do we bring to Jesus? What is so compelling about Jesus in our lives that we are willing to leave where we are and seek him? We left “where we were” – not by choice – in March of 2020. In this new year, while we are still waiting to gather in person, think and pray about how we can still seek and share the light Christ.

Let’s begin a new journey to find the light of Christ. Ponder what gifts we might bring, not just at Epiphany, but to the world, with Christ, certain that darkness does not overcome the light.

In Christ,
Catherine+



Happy New Year to All of our Redeemer Friends!

We are bringing this edition of Echoes to you via our online services so that you can fully enjoy the colorful photos from our Christmas party, our services and of other events that happened at the end of 2020.

For now, we are online only for our services. We hope to resume in person worship as soon as we can. Thank you for the light that your presence brings to the lives of the vestry, staff and to every member of Redeemer!

Check your mail in upcoming weeks for information about the Annual Meeting.

Vestry Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the monthly Vestry meeting can be found posted on the bulletin board outside the parish office.

SING A SONG OF JOY!

Songwriters have a unique ability to capture what they see, feel and experience. Their words convey a message. As Christians, the Christmas hymns we sing are shining examples of how uplifting words can be when sung but also when simply spoken aloud. Think about these five examples: "Joy To The World", "O Come All Ye Faithful", "Angels We Have Heard On High", "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" and "Deck The Halls". Take a moment to reflect on their words and their message. So uplifting and full of hope, and cheer! The music accompanying those words as played by our own Bob Powell makes for a wonderful blending of just what we need right here, right now!

The incredible act of love God showed by sending his one and only Son to save the world is miraculous and enables us to face the day-to-day challenges of this life with upbeat assurance. Jesus demonstrated the astonishing power of faith, hope and charity. The promise for all of us was made...Alleluia!

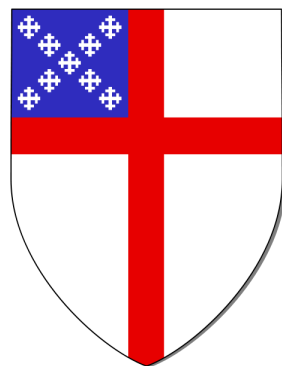
With that knowledge we can and should start off the New Year standing tall at Redeemer and facing the future with determination and a very positive attitude. The Annual Parish meeting coming up later this month will highlight 2020,

all in all a good year despite the pandemic. For the New Year you have selected three capable and experienced individuals to join a veteran Vestry team. In Reverend Catherine we have a devout person with enthusiasm, adaptability and love for teaching and spreading the Word. Our church staff is excellent, intact and looks forward to supporting us in every way. Our planning retreat is coming up; we'll adopt two or possibly three goals to focus on using everybody's talents. Overarching all this is our conviction that we are blessed therefore we can acknowledge our immediate worries and concerns exist but they should be kept in perspective.

This year join me in holding our Redeemer family close in mind and heart. There's new life and light to celebrate and great hope for the future. We trust we can look forward to being together again sometime next month and strengthening our beloved bonds once more. As the Christmas story told by Catherine emphasized, let us give the most precious gift we have to God, to our church family and to our neighbors...ourselves.

Happy, healthy New Year's best wishes and looking forward to seeing you at the church,

-Bill Heizer
Senior Warden



2021 Annual Meeting

The 2021 Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2021 at 1:00pm. This year it will be an online Zoom meeting due to our limited capacity for in person meetings. The link to the meeting is below and will be sent via emailed on January 24. We need a quorum of 50 members to be present. Join us on to find out all about the many events at Redeemer.

Join Zoom Meeting: 12/24/2021 at 1:00 pm

Meeting ID: 884 3196 6061

Passcode: 254298



Join us in JANUARY for our on-line bible study!

We will Zoom together on the first and third Wednesdays starting at 6:30pm for Evening prayer. Bible study will immediately follow.

Everyone is welcome!

To receive the zoom link email Rev. Catherine Tatem: revctatem@gmail.com

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet via Zoom on **MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021**, the second Monday of the month

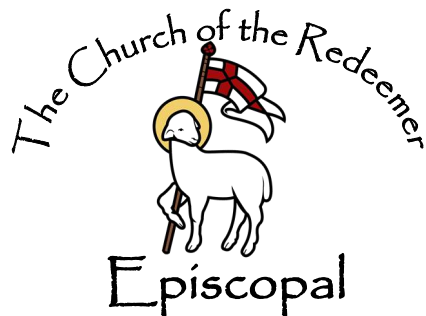
| Financial Corner | | through Nov. 30, 2020 |
|---|----|------------------------------|
| Total Tithes & Offerings | | |
| Budget | \$ | 246,297 |
| Actual | \$ | 234,077 |
| Difference | \$ | (12,221) |
| Faith Offering (Included in above) | | |
| Budget | \$ | 14,676 |
| Actual | \$ | 16,820 |
| Difference | \$ | 2,144 |
| <i>Questions? Contact the treasurer or wardens.</i> | | |

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Use this link to register:

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Gabriel Santamaria, *Sexton*

Vestry Members

Rev. Catherine Tatem - Rector

- Bill Heizer (2022) - *Senior Warden*
- Jason Houston (2020) - *Junior Warden*
- Annette Burdette (2022) - *Worship*
- Dinah Johnson (2021) - *Pastoral Care*
- Robin Mill (2022) - *Outreach & ARCUM*
- Jason Houston (2020) - *Buildings & Grounds*
- Rebekah Webb (2021) - *Finance*
- Daniel McCullough (2022) - *Communications*
- Katie Broderick (2020) - *Christian Ed*
- Debbie Bauer (2020) - *Stewardship*
- Greg Brown (2022) - *Membership*
- Bill Heizer (2022) - *Fellowship*
- Judy Planck (2020) - *Worship*
- Rebekah Webb - *Treasurer*
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- Stephany Austell *Clerk*

The Vestry meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside the Parish Administrator's office.

Echoes

Is a monthly newsletter of The Church of the Redeemer,
Deadline for submissions is the 22nd of each month.
Submit written info to the church office,
email to Sue Bannio – parishadmin@corpsc.org

Christian Education

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. For most of us I think Christmas and the way we celebrated probably looked a little different than in years past. Although Redeemer did not have its traditional Christmas Pageant this year, The "Journey to Bethlehem" play was equally meaningful and special!

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone that participated. Thank you to Robin Mill, Judy Planck, and Mother Catherine for reading the Bible passages. Thank you to Bob Powell for playing all the beautiful music that can be heard in the background, and to Sue Bannio for recording. Thank you to the youth: Sadie Butchko, Tyler Condon, Joseph Ethan and Riley Hawkins, Jackie and Malain Houston, Sarah and William Meade, George Poleski, and Kimberlee Warren. An especially

big thank you to the parents that willingly and excitedly helped either behind the scenes or on the big screen: Joe & Tracy Butchko, Ally and Pat Condon, Jason & Katie Houston, Ann and Kyle Meade. You were all such good sports about the whole thing, and I appreciate you more than you will ever know! Thank you to Prosser Heroman (nephew of Jason & Katie Houston) and all his amazing talent. He did such a great job bringing all the many clips to life for our viewing pleasure.

2020 was a year like no other and one few of us would have chosen if given the chance. There was much sadness and heartache but there was also a lot of new and good things that came our way as well. I look forward to a new year and continuing this journey with all of you!

God's Peace,
Lori Hawkins
lhredeemer@gmail.com; 864-360-5845

Giving at Redeemer

Everyone at The Church of the Redeemer helped provide some holiday cheer in many ways this Christmas season. Christmas bags were provided for 47 children enrolled at Pleasant Valley Connection. Each bag contained candy, crayons, markers, games, stickers, and small toys.

A mother received an answered prayer that her three young boys would have a Christmas this year. She will soon be graduating from Serenity Place and moving into a new apartment with her children. Mom received a new set of pots and pans, towels, and blankets for everyone. The boys each received board games, Legos, and lots of their favorite superhero toys and costumes.

For the month of December, a Reverse Advent Calendar was offered. Non-perishable food items were collected and taken to Samaritan House.



About Spiritual Communion

Prayer books ancient and modern have made provision for the reception of Holy Communion when a person is spiritually prepared and desires to receive communion, but for some reason cannot. One of the gifts of our faith tradition is the assurance that there are times when we can partake in a valid Eucharist without physically consuming bread and wine.

In the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*: “If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.”

Other prayer books have similar rubrics. Of particular note is those who serve our country in the military. The *Armed Forces Prayer Book* of 1951 has a complete service for an act of Spiritual Communion. Part of the service is this beautiful prayer and following worship:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body with the earnest wish that may always be united to Thee. And since I can not now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate Thee from me. May I live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Spend a few moments in meditation upon the fact that God so loved you that He sent His

Only-Begotten Son into the world for you. Recite the Lord's Prayer and afterward say:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with me always. Amen.

The global coronavirus pandemic presents periods of time when it is not safe to gather, either for our personal safety or because of the prevalence of the virus in our communities. As you gather in worship via live-stream liturgies say the prayer above, the prayer in the worship bulletin or the following prayer at the time of the distribution of communion. The celebrant physically receives the Eucharist on behalf of all the faithful who cannot be present.

“My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already in my heart and unite myself to you completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from you.” (by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

We wait in faith and wonder for the time when we can safely gather and partake physically of the sacrament of our Lord Christ. God's peace be with you always.

In Christ,

Catherine+



Angel Tree
donations to
Samaritan
House





REDEEMER @ CHRISTMAS!!



How to Zoom

Are you new to Zoom? Do you need to know how to Zoom for our annual meeting? Check out this video on our website under the Rectors Corner: <https://corgsc.org/rectors-corner>.

You may want to watch and set up your zoom information the week before our Annual Meeting, but you can do it anytime.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Stewardship

Our Stewardship campaign for 2021 has closed, but our need is as great as ever. If you have not taken to opportunity to pledge, please consider how you can help the Redeemer Family as we continue to support those less fortunate than we. The sacrifice God made for us is the greatest gift of all. As we celebrate His gift, show faithful gratitude for his sacrifice and commitment to us, by supporting Redeemer’s outreach and worship.

Your 2021 Contribution Envelopes are in the narthex of the church. If you have not already done so, please be sure to pick your envelopes up.

Thank you for the opportunity of serving the Lord and each of you as a member of the Vestry. It has been a wonderful experience that has helped me grow and get to know members of our church family.
-Debbie Bauer

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO MY BROTHERS
AND SISTERS IN CHRIST AT
THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
from Gary Powell

December 24, 2020

Dear Redeemer Family,

Like you, tonight I am going to celebrate the birth of God's precious son, Jesus. It is one of my favorite times of the year, especially when I am here in Ukraine and can see firsthand how dependent the poor, hated and forgotten Roma people are on the message of hope and salvation Jesus came to earth to deliver.



Tonight I am so extremely happy to tell you that I was the only non Roma person gathered at several homes. The reason this makes me so happy is because of the distrust the Roma people have of foreigners, so it is truly one of God's great blessings that I have somehow earned their trust. I want you all to know that it is the pure message of faith that Jesus preached that these people feel they must pass on to each other, neighbors and friends who in many cases have no heat and little to eat.

As I write to you, my greatest fear is that you will think I am somehow boasting that I have won the Roma people over to accept me. While, yes, I am enormously happy that I am now welcomed into their homes, I want you to realize it is the love of God and what God is doing through the redemptive love of Jesus that has caused this to happen. All I am doing is sharing the Good News that Jesus shared when

he was on earth. It's not me, I am merely a messenger.

As I was planning another prayer visit to the front lines of the war taking place in between Russia and Ukraine, I received word from my One Collective leader that he has been told by his superiors not to allow any of their team members to travel to Eastern Ukraine at this time.

The primary reason my travel is being restricted is because the fighting has escalated to the point that Ukraine is returning fire almost daily. Ukrainian soldiers are being injured and captured which shows the war is escalating.

Civilians are also being targeted by the Russian controlled rebels. In fact, Russia's President Putin has just announced that Russia will be increasing supply to the rebels in response to the action the Europeans have aimed at rebel leaders.



I feel God's call to travel to the war zone because it is only through people who know Jesus, who believe in Jesus and who trust in Jesus that those risking their lives on the front lines can know the love and comfort Jesus has to offer.

In my darkest hour, God sent to me Timea and her husband to guide me down the path to the hearts of the Roma people. Timea and her husband are Ukrainian missionaries who speak the language and have opened many doors for me in my work. While we do share food, chickens, goats, etc., with the Roma people, it is the joy of the message Jesus brings that most nourishes their soul.

Please be sure to look at the photographs I am sharing along with this letter. They are photographs of some of the scenery and churches near the gatherings I attended tonight in Uzhhorod. Don't be shocked at the great amount of food on the table. This abundance of

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food came as the result of tremendous sacrifice on the part of the pastor of this church. To accumulate enough money to prepare this Christmas Eve feast, this pastor took a job in the market selling clothing. The feast took place in his church and it has taken him several weeks to accumulate this amount of food.

Please pray for me, for One Collective and for the work we do around the world on behalf of Jesus.



Samaritan House

We are collecting **Canned Tomatoes** for Samaritan House this month.

Your generosity in providing food for others is greatly appreciated!!!

Thank you!



New in the Pew

Meet the New McCullough's!

Despite the constant barrage of bad news, 2020 did manage to bring some good tidings. Cayce Sue French and I were married on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Christ Church Episcopal by The Rev. Kellie Wilson. Many of you will probably remember Kellie when she attended The Church of the Redeemer before her ordination as a minister. She was my youth group leader at Redeemer and she was Cayce's bible study leader at Christ Church before we had even met. Although Kellie was not the common denominator of how we met, it is still amazing to see how the Lord works in awesome ways and it seemed only fitting that she be the one to marry us.

Because of COVID restrictions we were not able to have a large church service but it was a requisite to Cayce and I that we be married in a church. We had a small service surrounded by our immediate family at Christ Church and then immediately following had a vow renewal service consisting of a larger body of family and friends at The Rutherford's outside auditorium. Although we were not able to have the service at The Church of the Redeemer, we wanted to have a piece of the church with us. The wooden cross used at the outside vow renewal service is the same cross that has been used for all of Redeemer's outside worships services throughout the summer. It was so enriching to have an embodiment of the Redeemer Family at the service.

Thank you to all for the love and prayers you have given leading up to this special day. They were met with a beautiful day and a safe event. Deus Caritas Est!

-Daniel (& Cayce) McCullough

January Readings

| Date | 1st Reading | Psalms | 2nd Reading | Gospel |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 3-Jan | Jeremiah 3:1-7, 14 | Psalms 84 | Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a | Matthew 2:1-12 |
| 10-Jan | Genesis 1:1-5 | Psalms 29 | Acts 19:1-7 | Mark 1:4-11 |
| 17-Jan | 1 Samuel 3:1-20 | Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17 | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 | John 1:43-51 |
| 24-Jan | Jonah 3:1-5, 10 | Psalms 62:6-14 | 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 | Mark 1:14-20 |
| 31-Jan | Deuteronomy 18:15-20 | Psalms 111 | 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 | Mark 1:21-28 |

Samaritan House

Samaritan House has seen a marked increase in clients in the last few weeks. We are steadily approaching the 150 mark, with many elderly clients. We have seen several clients recovering from COVID-19 and many more who are unemployed or underemployed.

Please keep Samaritan House in your prayers. We are ever thankful to The Church of the Redeemer for providing monthly financial assistance and for our Director, Steve Fior.

We are presently in need of help on Tuesday mornings to do some heavy lifting and packing of the food that comes from Harvest Hope.

To help, drop by: **2723 Augusta St. Greenville**
on Tuesdays at 9:30am.



JANUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Bruce Eason | 11 Maria Webb | 18 Morgan Helm |
| 2 Kyle Meade | 13 Dean McKinley | 20 Ralph Goodman |
| 2 West Plante | 13 Delmas Allen | 21 Joe McCullough |
| 2 Trey Skardon | 14 Jason Houston | 22 Debbie Price |
| 3 Ann & Kyle Meade | 15 William Meade | 26 Craig Grounsell |
| 5 Paige Russo | 16 Betty Herrin | 26 Margaret Plante |
| 8 Frances & Jason Zacher | 16 Lauren McCullough | 27 Pat & Jack Blackburn |
| 10 Julie Hayes | 17 Daniel Derrick | 31 Katie Broderick |
| 11 Gretchen Grounsell | 17 Will Derrick | 31 Gwen Lance |

We apologize if your birthday or anniversary does not appear.
Please notify parishadmin@corscg.org to update our records.

JANUARY 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|-----|--|-----|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|  | | | | | | |
| <p>3 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30am Online Holy Eucharist</p> | <p>4 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)</p> <p>6:00 pm ACOA 7:00 pm ALANON</p> | 5 | <p>6 EPIPHANY</p> <p>12 pm AA (Purser Hall)</p> <p>6:30PM Bible Study on zoom</p> | 7 | <p>1 OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>2 11 am AA (Purser Hall)</p> |
| <p>10 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30am Online Holy Eucharist</p> <p>1:00pm Zoom Vestry Retreat</p> | <p>11 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)</p> <p>6:00 pm ACOA 7:00 pm ALANON</p> <p>6pm Finance Meeting</p> | 12 | <p>13 9:30am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>12 pm AA (Purser Hall)</p> | 14 | <p>15 OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>16 11 am AA (Purser Hall)</p> |
| <p>17 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30am Online Holy Eucharist</p> <p>1:00pm Zoom Vestry Retreat</p> | <p>18 MLK DAY</p> <p>12 pm AA (Purser Hall)</p> <p>6:00 pm ACOA 7:00 pm ALANON</p> | 19 | <p>20</p> <p>12 pm AA (Purser Hall)</p> <p>6:30PM Bible Study on zoom</p> | 21 | 22 | <p>23 11 am AA (Purser Hall)</p> |
| <p>24 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30am Online Holy Eucharist</p> <p>ANNUAL MEETING On Zoom</p> | <p>25 12 pm AA (Purser Hall)</p> <p>6:00 pm ACOA 7:00 pm ALANON</p> | 26 | <p>27</p> <p>12 pm AA (Purser Hall)</p> | 28 | <p>29 OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>30 11 am AA (Purser Hall)</p> |
| <p>31 8:30 am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:30am Online Holy Eucharist</p> |  | | | | | |



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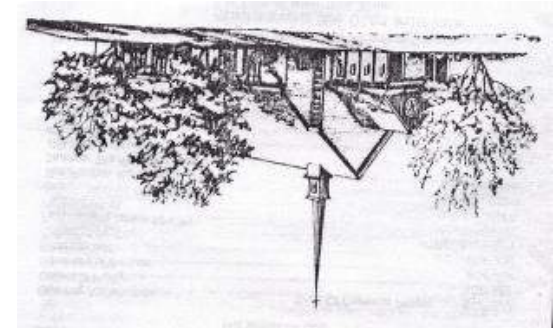
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